



## GOING-DOWN DINNER AND DANCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH.

In the Assembly Hall, groups of people were shifting rather awkwardly from one foot to another, making light conversation and looking towards Refec. suggestively. The Registrar appeared; the President's brow cleared and the procession began, winding into a discreetly curtained and flower-bedecked Refectory. Sole followed soup and peaches the peas, and the dinner proceeded as a "going-down" dinner should. A pause, the toast of "the King," and the Chairman called upon the President-Elect to propose "The Out-Going Students." It was a good speech, serious but unsentimental, and tempered by a couple of funny stories which were of a very different nature, it would appear, from the Paris story which the President mercifully refrained from telling. Miss Gardener's reply was concise and dignified.

"The Returning Students" was given by Mr. Jagger, and the reply by Miss Comben.

It was evident from his speech that the President of the Union had been taking Dip: in proposing the toast "The College," he commented on the difficult period of adolescence through which the College was passing and while recognising that criticism was a characteristic of such a stage, nevertheless urged the Union to remember the improvements made in the last few years.

In his reply, Professor Cock, in the capacity of Vice Principal (and not Prof. of Education) ably gathered together and elaborated the threads of the previous speeches; he looked forward to the day when U.C.S. would have passed into adult-hood, a large institution (for there were still car-parks into which he hadn't driven in his search for students!) prosperous in material and immaterial things.

In the dance which followed, many couples took advantage of the warm evening to dance on the lawn outside the Assembly Hall. The Staff gave exhibitions of prowess entirely unexpected; Professor Cock, with great protestation, ventured a few steps on to the dance floor, but hastily retired; Mr. Dudley evolved a weird and wonderful modern medley—a cross between an apache dance and a crab walk, which was entirely original, and the Lambeth Walk aroused proletarian fervour in the Registrar and Professor Pinto. The atmosphere was gay and friendly; it seemed impossible that this was really going-down, and only on autographing menu cards, perhaps not until Auld Lang Syne, was it realised.

## TENNIS CLUB DANCE

"We must go—it's the last Coll. dance," people had said during the week, and their decision was justified, for the Annual Tennis Club Dance, held at Highfield on Saturday, was a complete success; socially and financially, since the zealous door-men, and women, kept a strict eye on the would-be gate crashers (and we have it on good authority that there were several attempts.)

In newspaper language, the evening was characterised by its "delightful informality"; dancing started within ten minutes of the time advertised on the tickets (surely a minor record!) and continued steadily throughout the evening. There were fluctuations in the numbers, admittedly, due to the attractiveness of Highfield's garden and the coolness of the night air, but not sufficiently great to warrant a summoning bell.

The College Band, with Arthur Evans at the piano, excelled itself; the volume was admirably adjusted to the size of the hall; the rhythm was consistently good, and the obvious enjoyment of the players in their own performance would have infected even the most solemn assembly.

The dance was honoured by the company of the Principal and Mrs. Vickers, who charmingly presented the Tennis Tournament cups. How many times, may we ask, was the Women's Singles Cup filled during the evening?

The two Tennis captains are to be congratulated on their organisation; it was a good dance, the last Saturday evening of the Session well spent.

Finally—congratulations to Uncle Terry.

## HALLS OF RESIDENCE FEES.

Council has resolved that from the beginning of next Session (1938-39):

1. The Hall of Residence fees in each Hall will be reduced by £7 15s. 0d. per annum, a sum equivalent to the cost of the lunches at present provided in the Refectory.
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## Editorial.

Southampton has provided the scene for many farewells and departures of those who have sailed from its quay-side to distant parts of the world. This week it is witnessing another, but somewhat different, embarkation—but one which we venture to assert is of more moment than the sailing of a liner, and one which is as memorable as any voyage. The process of "Going-Down" is as inescapable as the seasons and although it must be to many a cause for some regret to leave the scene which has contributed so much to their life for some three or more years, it is in no way an occasion for a sentimental effusion but rather for a realisation of fulfilment and achievement.

To students who are about to enter upon their career in the outside world of which this College is a microcosm, we commend the memory of those who have striven unselfishly towards the betterment of this community and who by their ideals have inspired others to follow them.

In one respect we are singularly fortunate here compared with many larger universities. The residential system engenders a spirit and outlook which is the most valuable contribution to the life of a university. Although scholarship and learning are great attributes in themselves, the years will yet prove that these integral features of a university are perhaps the least important after all, and the more incidental things such as friendship and fellowship afford the most valuable experience to be gained at College.

To some the prospect of Going-Down may be fraught with anxiety and uncertainty, but whatever may be the outcome, the value of the life spent at College, both materially and spiritually is undeniable, although its full benefit may not be evident until some years after Going-Down.

In conclusion, we desire to thank all those who have accorded their patronage to *Wessex News* throughout the Session, especially those who have rendered invaluable assistance in its publication and distribution, and extend our best wishes for its success next Session. We appeal to all Going-Down students to subscribe to *Wessex News*.

## Correspondence

The Editor, *Wessex News*.

Dear Sir,

While it is with very deep regret that we note the impending departure of Professor Pinto, we feel that there need be no fears for the future of the English chair at this College. Our notice has been drawn from time to time in your paper and elsewhere to the high standard of English grammar, set by our English Honours students, and by those concerned with the teaching of English in the College. Surely we need look no further for a worthy successor to Professor Pinto than to one of your correspondents in the last issue of *Wessex News*. The man who can write, "neither the Union Notice Board or *Wessex News* are the place for 'fourth-form' humour" must be regarded only with undying respect by all those who value the aesthetic beauty of their mother tongue.

It has been rumoured that the person responsible for this sentence is a science research student, but let us hope, for the good name of the department, that he is an English Honours man; and may I suggest, sir, that no time should be lost in elevating him to the vacant post of Professor of English.

Yours sincerely,

H. C. P. BURDEN.

## Thank You

*Wessex News* staff would like to claim a few lines of this issue to thank those who, throughout this session have lent valuable assistance in the considerable donkey-work attached to this publication—it would not be proper to name individuals of a fairly large band. The reading of proofs, writing of addresses, licking of stamps and envelopes (instead of chewing the cud after Tuesday's lunch)—in all these tasks they have displayed the true fortitude of their type.

To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

To-night the Going-Down Concert, a traditional feature of the Summer Term, will be held in the Assembly Hall at 8.15 p.m. I should like to take this opportunity to extend a hearty invitation to all who are interested, and to assure them that their support in this new venture will be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,  
DIDO READ,  
(Student President, Choral Society)To the Editor of *Wessex News*.

Owing to the general dissatisfaction felt with the Contact System in its present form, and having regard to the slovenly way in which the majority of students, in this place speak, it would in my opinion, be a great improvement if a compulsory course in elocution were substituted. This besides being interesting, would have a definite value for potential teachers.

Yours etc.,  
T. S. GRIFFITHS.

To the Editor.

The cricket match on Saturday was the last of the season and I think it can be quite fairly said that it was the best. But it was not the cricket match or the players that dominated the attention of the few College spectators that were there, but the supporters' club of Queen Mary's College.

They took possession of the pavilion (for who could say them nay) and cheered their team in spite of the overwhelming odds which seemed to face it.

We must admire such zeal and enthusiasm all the more when we contemplate that many of them had travelled by coach all the way from London for that very purpose.

Suffice it to say that U.C.S. often have difficulty in procuring an umpire and scorer, though we must admit that one or two persons can still be found to undertake such tasks. But for the rest, the less said the better. Let us hope that the football season excites more interest from the non-playing personnel of this College.

Yours etc.,  
Non sibi sed cunctis.

## Scout Group

(Report on the "Opening Evening" held on Thursday evening, 25th inst., in the Assembly Hall at University College, by the 9th (University College) Scout Group).

About 150 parents and friends of the scouts of the 9th (University College) Southampton Scout Group were present at an informal "Open Evening held by the Group in the Assembly Hall at University College on Thursday in connexion with National Scout Week.

The programme, which was entirely unrehearsed, took the form of the usual Troop meetings held every Friday. The scouts were "fallen-in" in patrols, of which there are five, by Mr. S. A. Griffiths, an Assistant Scoutmaster. The scouts' weekly subscriptions, uniform and camp money were collected. Their uniform was then "inspected" after which they were "dismissed" to their patrol-corners, while a short explanation of the purpose of the meeting was given.

Class-work, consisting of knotting, various forms of lashing, bandaging, semaphore, and a talk on camping, followed. Mr. C. A. Dukes, an Assistant Scoutmaster, then took a few Scouts for physical training. Regular physical training classes are held weekly on Monday nights. Whereas all the scouts are encouraged to attend these classes, the decision is left to the boy and his parents. After the physical training, a few lively games, which caused great amusement to the onlookers, were run.

The evening was concluded by a chat on Scouting and Camping by Mr. T. B. F. Norris, the Scoutmaster. An appeal was made for support of the Scout National Appeal Fund. The necessity of the Appeal was pointed out, and a brief explanation of how the money will be utilized was given.

Altogether, a most enjoyable and successful evening was spent.

T. B. F. NORRIS,  
Scoutmaster.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

It is well known that ragging is a pernicious form of amusement, especially as it leads to retaliation in kind. We feel strongly that when any such ragging occurs, instead of retaliating, which might lead to a rough house, the matter ought always to be referred to the authorities, and an apology demanded. Furthermore, we consider that such people have no right whatever to trade upon the good nature of we College Students in the matter of the punishments imposed and that if necessary we ourselves should take action to see that the penalty is fully exacted.

R. G. CRAWL,  
A. L. TWINKLE, etc.

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# ATHLETIC UNION

And so another season has drawn its long length pleasantly to a close; we do not know how many white-bearded Old Hartleys will let their memories dwell on the season 1937-8 as one of outstanding significance. One can never tell what insignificant occurrences and events will prove to be ultimately of importance, but as far as it is possible for contemporary judgment to echo the verdict of posterity, there seems to be a reasonable chance that this season will be no unworthy one in the history of the Athletic Union of U.C.S.

As far as actual results are concerned, the season has not been a year of plenty; but there have been several notable exceptional achievements, and it affords us no little delight to place the records of the women's clubs before those enlightened members of the male community of College who dismiss with an airy gesture, accompanied perhaps by a little witty persiflage and delicate badinage the claim of woman to her inheritance in a University. Both the Netball Club and the Women's Tennis Club have won the Southern Championship of the U.A.U.—which contrasts favourably with the failure of any of the men's winter clubs to achieve distinction in this manner. The preservation of the honour and prestige of the superior sex has been nobly and manfully borne by the Athletic Club this term, which as well as providing an International athlete in L. M. Wallace, has swept through all opposition except our invincible Navy in a supremely confident manner, winning the Inter-Collegiate and defeating Bristol and Exeter. The Athletic Club is to be congratulated on the best season that it has had for many years. One of our cherished ambitions is to have a competent coach engaged to advise and prepare members of the various clubs, for with all due respect to the various club captains, it is impossible that they can be expected to have any great specialized knowledge on questions of training, massage or tactics. Perhaps it might not be impossible to consider the engagement of

such a coach—or at least a part-time coach—out of the expected grant from the Universities' Grants Committee.

The tennis season was concluded with the finals of the various tournaments which have been in progress at sporadic intervals during the greater part of the Summer term, last Saturday.

The Men's doubles champions are Herbertson and Jeffries. Wareham won the singles title for the third successive year in an impressive manner. Lane, the other finalist, is never an opponent to be belittled, and it speaks significantly for the standard of Wareham's play that Lane played extremely well. The lackadaisical, nonchalant attitude which is characteristic of Wareham's play is very deceptive. He has at times almost the sprinting power of Wallace, and his powers of placing the ball are superior to Lane's, and as a tactician, Wareham has never met his equal during his years at College. Miss Bryce won her singles title against Miss Pavard in as convincing a manner as Wareham, although Miss Pavard was by no means outplayed, and made Miss Bryce work hard for her victory.

All things duly considered, this season's achievements give no cause for tears; the percentage of students who participate in some kind of sport is as high as any, and higher than most universities. The size of the College almost prohibits our being able to compete in normal circumstances with London, Birmingham or Liverpool, but when competing against Colleges of our own size, the performances that are given reflect very much to our credit.

Finally, we wish to congratulate our successor, J. E. Counsell on his appointment as Sports Editor, and to express the pious hope that he will continue to maintain undimmed the glorious torch of athletic enlightenment which his predecessors have handed down to him.

## CLUB OFFICIALS, 1938-9.

### SOCCER.

Capt.—J. R. Hill, Vice-Capt.—L. M. Wallace; Sec.—H. S. Marsh.

### RUGGER.

Capt. A. R. Wile; Vice-Capt. R. Woolley; Sec.—T. N. Roberts.

### MEN'S ATHLETICS.

Capt.—L. M. Wallace; Vice-Capt. P. Mossman; Sec.—C. T. Reed.

### WOMEN'S ATHLETICS.

Capt.—M. Smither.

### BOAT CLUB.

Capt.—G. Campbell; Vice-Capt.—C. Watkinson; Sec.—J. Masterman.

### CRICKET.

Capt.—S. White; Vice-Capt.—J. Pettit; Sec.—R. Huyshe.

### CROSS C.C.

Capt.—L. H. Moore; Sec.—J. Dyer.

### MEN'S HOCKEY.

Capt. B. A. Wareham; Sec.—J. Gill.

### WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

Capt.—D. Dade; Sec.—K. Chapple.

### NETBALL.

Capt.—O. Comben; Sec.—E. Bryce.

### MEN'S SWIMMING.

Capt. H. S. Marsh; Sec.—H. Edvardson.

### WOMEN'S SWIMMING.

Capt.—J. Pooley; Sec.—M. Ogle.

### MEN'S TENNIS.

Capt.—B. A. Wareham; Sec.—J. Gill.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS.

Capt.—O. Comben; Sec.—D. Dade.

### WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB.

Capt. N. Heron; Sec.—M. Teulon.

### FENCING.

Capt.—W. Bailey.

### BOXING.

Capt.—G. H. G. Campbell; Vice-Capt. H. Edvardson; Sec.—E. Jones.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS.

U.C.S. 3. Birmingham U. 6. After the decisive victories over Exeter and Bristol the W.I.V.A.B. Semi-Final against Birmingham was disappointing. The stress of Finals was evidently affecting the play of half the team which was certainly not up to its usual standard.

Southampton made an unfortunate start, and in the first set of matches in which the teams were playing strength to strength, Birmingham went ahead by 2 matches to 1.

Birmingham's 1st and 2nd couples throughout were too strong for our team, but each of our couples recorded a victory against their 3rd. The ultimate score being 6-3.

The season on the whole has been very successful. Apart from this match there has been only one other defeat. Every member of the team has pulled her weight, victories being due more to excellent combination than to individual brilliance.

## ATHLETIC CLUB.

U.C.S. 45. R.A.F. Andover 18.

On Saturday, June 18th, the Club defeated R.A.F. Andover by 45 points to 18. This was a most enjoyable match, and some quite good performances were put up. Pirrie again lowered the Student Ground Record for the 880 yards by 0.2 sec. to 2m. 1.2 sec. Wallace excelled at the Long Jump, and having dallied with the first two, scored a memorable win with his last jump. C. T. Reed and Skeet, whom we were glad to see competing again, won the High Jump without jumping more than once or twice. C. T. Reed won the Discus with a fine throw of 103 ft. 3ins. He has kept very much in the background, but he has been the mainstay of the field events team this term. We congratulate him on his election to the Secretaryship.

On the previous Thursday, U.C.S. defeated Eastleigh A.C. by 20 pts. to 19 in an evening match.

The issue was in doubt right to the end, when the Relay turned the match in favour of College. In the return match at Eastleigh, on Tuesday, June 21st, the points were reversed. Both were very enjoyable matches.

We should like to thank all those members of staff, and students who have so kindly given their services as judges and officials at our home matches. They have played a large part in the success of the Club this season.

We congratulate N. D. Pirrie on gaining 2nd place in the 880 yds in the Hants. County Championship last Saturday. The winner, Patchett, passed Pirrie on the last bend, and won by inches in the time of 2mins. 1/5sec.

### CRICKET RESULT.

1st XI. 140 for 9 wickets. (Dec.). Queen Mary College, 130 for 9.

## COLOURS SUMMER TERM 1938.

We congratulate the following on gaining their colours:

Cricket—S. White; J. S. Pettit. Women's Tennis—Misses Comben; Dade; Binning; Bryce; Girdlestone; Taylor.

Men's Swimming—E. J. Solomon.

Men's Athletics—L. M. Wallace N. D. Pirrie; J. Thornhill; P. R. Mossman; C. T. Reed.

Boxing—G. H. G. Campbell; E. Edvardson.

Men's Tennis—None. Colours for Rowing have been deferred to a special meeting of the A.U. Committee.

## RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED THIS TERM.

	Pts., etc.								
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C.C.	1	1	7	3					
Men's A.C.	10								
Men's T.C.	8	2					348	268	
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# CRICKET, 1938

In these days when the great national games have deteriorated into mechanical shows staged before degenerate audiences, when half of the population of this great country are incapable of playing a vigorous game of anything—even Darts—and yet waste huge sums on the Football Pools and other iniquitous devices, one tends to despair of the future of English Sport.

It is therefore refreshing to learn that the game of cricket is still played with all its old-world charm in a quiet village not so many miles from this city. On Saturday last at Lee-on-Solent a delightful exhibition of the game was given by the University College 2nd XI, and the outstanding player was undoubtedly Mr. P. Res (Gen), playing incognito as A. Brown, whose tremendously sporting play delighted the spectators. The first ball he smote soundly for a single demonstrating a pleasing and unique style; off the next four balls he was missed, but the final one he sportingly hit for a pretty catch.

An almost equally brilliant display was given by the Secretary of A.U. who stayed at the wicket for a whole hour.

We regret to learn that Mr. P. Res intends to retire from first class cricket. We feel that the Paris crowds would applaud such a display of English sportsmanship from so popular a player.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Librarian for the use of the Library for Finals; we realise the inconvenience which has been caused, and we wish to thank the Library staff for the trouble they have taken in making the surroundings as pleasant as possible.

AN EXPOSURE—continued.  
interest rather than specific enthusiasm, fits him all the better for the task of reflecting in these pages current thought and activity in the College.

It now remains to bid farewell and all success to John Taylor; and to wish his successor the assistance of the heavenly Muses and of the more temporal students of next session, in producing a good fourth volume of *Wessex News*.  
G. A. EMERY.

# Our Leaders

The festivities of the Season have provided two interesting anecdotes.

The President of the Union at the Annual Dinner given by the Warden of Stoneham at the Polygon Hotel was so sated with liquor, etc., that at the fourth course of the dinner he began to chew the roots of the asparagus and finding that he was unable to get rid of it rolled it into a ball and stuffed it into his pocket. Its subsequent history is lost in the festivities of the evening.

The President-Elect of the Union on the morning after the Going-Down Dinner slept so soundly under the table in the S.C. Office that he allowed his face to be painted an appropriate red and did not discover anything awry until the Chairman of A.U. remarked that his face "looked beautiful."

# An Exposure

This is to introduce you formally to J. F. G. D. Young, editor-elect of *Wessex News*, and to expose to you the identity of "our special correspondent, X. Y."

His sense of humour (not mere wit) has already made itself apparent under the pseudonym X.Y., and he probably sees few situations without some such turn, whilst giving other aspects the same proper consideration. We can depend upon him to make good the loss to *Wessex News* of John Taylor; to bring fresh energy, fresh originality, in the sense of sincerity, together with an element of discretion, to the preservation and construction of that which can make a College newspaper really worth while.

The success of John Taylor in the editorial chair will by now have allayed all fears concerning the ability of scientists to fill this position; yet it may be asked whether the new editor is so well in touch with College life as the former small, bustling personage. True, he has not asserted himself in many spheres but unobtrusiveness does not signify unobtrusiveness. The fact of general

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# Our Fairy Story

Once upon a time there was an Institution renowned for its pursuit of learning, and Scholarship, and so famed was it that men travelled from all parts of the globe to pay homage at the shrine of Truth and Beauty which was to be found there. Within the walls of the Institution there were two classes of men, the Elders who were termed the Teachers and Rulers, and their pupils, the irresponsible and unruly Student-Body. Now this Institution was famed not only for the attributes referred to previously, but also for the nearness with which it approached to the Ideal democratic government, for it was a by-word amongst the Elders (and some of the more daring pupils) that the number of separate committees exceeded 200—far surpassing the record achieved by any other Institution. Indeed it was recognised that the machinery of government was so complex that it could not be understood by any of the members of the Institution, not even by the All High. The Principal Committee of these two hundred was called the Senate.

Now it came to pass that after much anxious deliberation the aforementioned irresponsible pupils decided to launch a Health Scheme which was considered to be of great importance, and in a constitutional manner submitted it to the Senate in the hope that it would be speedily approved and adopted.

But, alas! so perfect was the system of government that it took many moons to pass any scheme into law. When it took the Senate one hour and a half to appoint a new Laboratory boy, it was a little optimistic, perhaps, to expect more expediency on the Health question. It was referred to the "Development" Committee.

However, this like all other stories, has a moral. One day a weak member of this irresponsible Student-body developed an evil affliction called typhoid and owing to the imperfection of the existing health provisions, we regret to record that the disease spread to the Elders.

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# Calendar

Tuesday, June 28th.  
8.15 p.m. **Going-Down Concert.**  
Music Studio. Assembly Hall.  
5.15 p.m. Students' Council.  
Joint Meeting. Committee Room.  
Saturday, July 2nd. Session ends.  
2 p.m. **The Editor Goes Down.**  
Tuesday, July 26th. Dip. results.  
Wednesday, July 27th.  
**Finals results.**  
Monday, October 3rd.  
Session 1938-9 begins.

# "WESSEX NEWS" NEXT SESSION.

It has been recommended by the Finance Committee that "Wessex News" should be published fortnightly next Session. For the first two terms it is recommended that it should be enlarged to the extent of five columns on each page (i.e., the equivalent of an extra page) but should revert to the present size in the Summer Term.

The price will remain the same, viz., 1d. to students, 2d. to staff and other subscribers. Subscriptions 1/- per term.

# VALETTE.

We offer our congratulations to Dr. George of the Physics Department who has been appointed Head of the Physics Department at Chelsea Polytechnic, and to Dr. G. H. Jeffery of the Chemistry Department who is to take up an appointment as Lecturer at Woolwich Polytechnic. Again we must express our regrets at losing such valued members of the Staff.

Congratulations to James West upon his election to the Students' Council in the Arts Faculty by-election created by the appointment of J. Counsell as Junior Treasurer.

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In the short space of a week so terrible a havoc had been wrought amongst the Elders that no less than one hundred and fifty of these Committees had been completely exterminated.

What happened to the remainder we cannot say, but everyone is agreed that the loss sustained by this evil visitation was quite irreparable.

# TO-NIGHT!

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